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Satellite radio, XM in particular, should be allowed to set up and provide programming that is profitable to itself and beneficial to its customers and listeners without restrictions by the NAB or any other agency whose purposes in opposing it are due to competition. Whoever the NAB supports will not be hurt by the time I spend listening to XM. I have it on my motorcycle for the sole purpose of being able to continue program reception as I travel from one reception area to another without having to search for stations. Even though I have a home system, it does not take precedence over the local stations except for programs like NASCAR radio, which isn't available locally anyway. I pay for the service and enjoy the privilege of listening to over 100 options of entertainment. Here in Sacramento, there are only 3 local stations I care for, and I listen to them for their local viewpoint which XM doesn't provide. Otherwise, the time I spend listening to XM would not be spent with the local stations anyway.

I also use the traffic and weather reports provided by XM as I travel. It is virtually impossible on a motorcycle to find out about local conditions in an unfamiliar city while concentrating on avoiding SUV drivers intent on killing me. It just makes sense to be able to go to one source for my safety warnings.

I strongly urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160. Allow me the freedom to select what I listen to rather than being dictated as to what I may listen to.